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SUBJ: GVN- PRG BILATERALS: 14 TH PLENARY SESSION, JUNE 28, 1973

1. AT THE FIRST BILATERAL SESSION SINCE MAY 30 BOTH SIDES PUT FORTH NEW PROPOSALS, AS FOLLOWS:

2. GVN-- DEPUTY PRIMIN VIEN PROPOSED CREATION OF FOUR COMMISSIONS TO BE CONCERNED WITH GUARANTEEING DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS, FORMATION OF THE NCNRC, ORGANIZATION OF FREE ELECTIONS, AND ARMED FORCES IN SVN RESPECTIVELY. HE HELD THAT QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE CEASE- FIRE AND RETURN OF DETAINEES SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE TPJMC. THE FOUR COMMISSIONS WOULD HOLD CLOSED SESSIONS WHILE PARALLEL PLENARY SESSIONS CONTINUED, SO THAT A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT IN SVN POLITICAL QUESTIONS COULD BE SIGNED JULY 28.

3. THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR OF DEVELOPMENTS WOULD TAKE EFFECT, CULMINATING IN GENERAL ELECTIONS DECEMBER 25 :

JULY 28-- REMOVAL OF WARTIME RESTRICTIONS ON DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS; BEGINNING OF WITHDRAWAL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NON- SVN ARMED FORCES; BEGINNING OF REDUCTION OF SVN ARMED FORCES;

SEPTEMBER 11-- INAUGURAL NCNRC SESSION; COMPLETION

OF WITHDRAWAL OF NON- SVN ARMED FORCES; COMPLETION
OF REDUCTION OF SVN ARMED FORCES;

OCTOBER 26-- PROMULGATION OF ELECTORAL LAW

DECEMBER 26-- GENERAL ELECTIONS

4. PRG-- HIU' S REMARKS, WHICH WERE REplete WITH STERN CRITICISMS OF ALLGED GVN VIOLATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, EMPHASIZED PRIORITY SETTLEMENT OF MILITARY ISSUES, THROUGH APPLICATION OF THE CEAE- FIRE, DELIMI- TATION OF ZONES AND CORRIDORS, ETC. THE SECOND AND THIRD PRG " URGENT MEASURES" WERE FOR RETURN OF CAPTURED AND DETAINED PERSONNEL AND RESTORATION OF FREEDOMS. THE LATTER INCLUDED CONCURRENT PUBLICATION OF BOTH PARTIES OF DECREES AUTHORIZING FREE EXERCISE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND " FREE CIRCULATION OF NEWSPAPERS" BETWEEN ZONES.
 5. UNDER THE PRG PROPOSALS THE NCNRC WOULD BE FORMED BY END OF JULY, WOULD MONITOR APPLICATION OF THE CEASE- FIRE AND RESTORATION OF FREEDOMS THROUGH RECEIPT OF REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARTIES. THE COUNCIL WOULD CONSIST OF 36 MEMBERS, WITH EACH SVN PARTY DESIGNATING 12 AND DESIGNATION OF THE THIRD COMPONENT LEFT UNSPECIFIED. MOREOVER, THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE A " PRESIDIUM" OF 6 MEMBERS (2 FROM EACH COMPONENT) WITH THE CHAIRMANSHIP ROTATING IN TURN AMONG 3 OF THESE 6. NATIONAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE ORGANIZED BY THE COUNCIL " WHEN AN EFFECTIVE CEASE- FIRE HAS BEEN APPLIED AND DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES FULLY GUARANTEED."
 6. CONCERNING ARMED FORCES IN SVN, HIEU PROPOSED THAT THE TWO PARTIES CARRY OUT REDUCTIONS AND, AFTER A GOVERN- MENT IS FORMED THROUGH GENERAL ELECTIONS, MERGE THEIR FORCES INTO NEW, UNIFIED NATIONAL ARMED SERVICES.
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7. POST- SESSION PRESS CONFERENCES- - THESE ADDED LITTLE TO WHAT HAD BEEN PRESENTED IN THE PLENARY. HIEU REPEATED DENUNCIATIONS OF GVN COMMUNIQUE " VIOLATIONS" AND ALLEGED THAT PLAF- ARVN CONTACTS HAD " NULTIPLIED, ESPECIALLY AT LOW LEVELS" SINCE JUNE 15. HE DISMISSED GVN PROPOSALS AS NEITHER NEW NOR GENUINE. DAN (GVN) SAID GUARDEDLY THAT VIEN' S REACTION TO PRG PLAN WAS " RATHER NEGATIVE" BUT THAT IT WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. DAN CHARGED PRG WITH ONE THOUSAND VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE- FIRE.
 8. THE PARTIES AGREED TO RECONVENE JULY 4.

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